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identical polynucleotide and that the polypeptide having SEQ ID NO: 2 in both the instant application and in U.S. Patent 6,403,351 is the identical polypeptide. Furthermore the clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. PTA 982 and encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 2 as disclosed in U.S. Patent 6,403,351 has the same polynucleotide sequence as that of SEQ ID No: 1 appearing in both the instant application and in U.S. Patent 6,403,351.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner read new claims 82 through 86 against the claims of U.S. Patent 6,403,351 and that one or more counts be added to the interference to reflect the subject matter of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 2.

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